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Korean sister city hosts local officials

Earlier this year, **Mayor Sung Choi** of Goyang City, along with his delegation, which included **Council Chair Pil Rye Kim**, traveled to Maui to meet with **Mayor Alan Arakawa** and **Council Chair Danny Mateo**. At that time, both mayors agreed that an agreement between Maui County and Goyang City to pursue mutual economic benefit and to foster a long lasting cultural exchange, would be entered into. On Feb. 17, an official sister city agreement was signed on Maui by both Arakawa and Choi.

Shortly after the departure of the Korean delegation, an invitation was extended to Arakawa to attend Goyang's International Horticulture Flower Festival in South Korea. Initially, the invitation was respectfully declined by Arakawa, primarily because of the costs of overseas travel. Goyang's International Flower Festival has been its signature event and city officials were expecting nearly a million people to be in attendance this year. The City of Goyang also invited various dignitaries from all over the world, and wanted to showcase its newest sister city, Maui County. For this reason, the City of Goyang continued to persist by offering the County of Maui airline and hotel accommodations for the delegation that would come.

"In Korean business culture, it is important to establish a relationship based on trust and understanding, and show in gesture that you are serious about a relationship," noted **Finance Deputy Director Jeremiah Savage** who previously lived and worked in Korea for 8 years and is proficient in the Korean language. "In this culture, you



Goyang City Mayor Sung Choi shares his crown with **Managing Director Keith Regan** during their visit to the Haengju Festival celebrating a great victory from many centuries ago.

must first develop a personal relationship before entering into a business relationship," added Savage.

Prior to obtaining Maui County Council approval of the official Sister City relationship with Goyang, the body emphasized that it was their desire to enter into a truly meaningful relationship with Goyang City and ensure an economic benefit for the County of Maui.

Managing Director Keith Regan, Mayor's Chief of Staff Herman Andaya,

and Savage accepted Goyang's invitation on behalf of Mayor Arakawa. This was an important event for the City of Goyang and the county's presence there would help foster our relationship with South Korea. A rigorous schedule of meetings was planned for the Maui County delegation which included meeting over 75 government officials to discuss our commitment toward cultural exchange and explore opportunities to stimulate Maui's economy.

"I see South Korea as a tremendous opportunity for the County of Maui. With this in mind, I felt it was important that my top advisers are familiar with what this country has to offer. Government entities throughout the world are quickly accepting the fact that in order to be a part of the global economy, we must look beyond our horizons and develop our relationships with foreign governments. I am committed to nurturing our relationship with South Korea and exploring opportunities that will lead to mutual economic benefits for both Maui County and Goyang," said Arakawa.

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"This trip was imperative to make important informed steps toward economic initiatives. While in South Korea, I saw for myself an emerging economic power and an opportunity for the County of Maui to tap into the successes of South Korea," said Regan.

In the areas of South Korean tourism on Maui, the delegation met with the president of South Korea's largest tour company, Hana Tours. The president proudly displayed advertisements of Maui tours that he had placed in some of Korea's most prominent travel magazines and indicated their commitment to increase their funding to promote Maui County. Specifically, Hana tours advertised honeymoon tours in popular Korean travel magazines and wish to expand toward English education tours for children. Hana Tours recommended that we should explore the possibility of creating English schools on Maui.

"There is a trend among Koreans populace to learn the English language...so much so that parents want to send their children overseas to learn English. The "English Instruction Industry" has picked up some traction in the Philippines and many Korean parents are sending their children there. I can see a lot of potential for Maui as we are native speakers of English," said Andaya.

Maui County's delegation also visited Goyang's film and broadcasting industry center. Currently, a popular K-Drama that is filmed and produced in Goyang called, "Dream High," was examined to understand the attractiveness of this industry and the impact it has had throughout Asia. The team also met with a Korean film producer to understand the possibility of producing Korean films on Maui. "It was often the case that Koreans knew of Hawaii, but not necessarily Maui. Filming a popular K-Drama on Maui that translates to exposure in South Korea and the rest of Asia is an opportunity we should not ignore," said Savage.

Goyang's floricultural industry was also carefully examined to look at their market, agricultural technology, as well as their logistical capabilities. Regan met with the Chief of Agricultural Technology Center and found that Maui has many flowers that they would be interested in. Also, the team found that Korea has a unique greenhouse system that allows them to produce flowers efficiently. It should be noted that Goyang generously showed their special irrigation system that requires minimum water resources as



The Maui delegation visits Goyang's state-of-the-art traffic center.

well as their capabilities to genetically create new plant species. Regan also met with a number of key public officials of Goyang and had a number of discussions with them. In the early 90's, Goyang's population was around 250,000. 10 years later, the population is nearly 1,000,000. This was a great opportunity to study how Goyang's city's rapid rise into a metropolis.

The team visited Goyang's central Transportation Intelligence Center that tracks all local buses, controls

traffic lights, vehicle detection system, variable message signboards, global positioning system, car navigation system, as well as many other technical capabilities. Regan was impressed with Goyang's advance technology which is capable of monitoring Goyang's traffic in real time.

Goyang also has a highly advanced Clean Energy Plant that converts waste into energy. The Plant currently processes over 50 tons a day. This visit was especially enlightening to the team since Maui plans to move toward this direction in the future and away from landfills. The Maui delegation not only visited this site, but also visited Goyang's call center that services ALL city inquiries, complaints, and service requests. This includes taxation, city fees, and other account questions. The most interesting point was their method to maintain staff moral and vigorous information training that they gave to staff.

"For years I have been promoting the possibility of a 311 call center for Maui County where the public can call and obtain information regarding various County services. I was especially impressed with Goyang's system," noted Regan.

Goyang is also home to the largest exhibition center in all of Korea known as KINTEX. This exhibition center aims to hold two (2) events weekly that promotes local commerce and creates jobs. It was at this location that the Maui delegation attended Goyang's 1st International Cultural City Forum. The City of Goyang invited government officials from numerous cities around the world including cities from China, Japan and the US. US governments included Maui County and Loudon County of Virginia. Goyang's Mayor Choi proposed to have an annual Sister City conference worldwide and give each city an opportunity to promote their cities tourism. Mayor Choi recommended that Maui be the site of next year's event.

Message from the Mayor

We didn't get everything that we asked for but it was close enough.

And now we can get to work.

Council members took a few things away but they added a few things too. For instance, they added three fire fighters to the West side.

And while they chose not to fund design work for a new aquatics center, they did agree to pay to design a new civic center that would replace our aging War Memorial Gymnasium.

This means we can take a look at how much it will cost to build a new facility, one that will serve us as long as the old gym did but without millions of dollars in maintenance costs.

A new aquatics center would do the same for our Coach Sakamoto pool, which has been closed for about a year now. But we'll get to that eventually.

Besides that we have roads to repair, sewer lines to replace and water infrastructure to improve. Essential work that almost every resident is asking us to do.

Council approved most of those projects and we appreciate their cooperation. This is a good year to get things done and we'd like to take advantage of that.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, the county needs to be maintained. Like your car, if we let it run for too long without any repair or maintenance, it will break down completely.

We need to maintain; we need to improve; and, where we have to, we need to replace.

So we've got a lot of work ahead of us and we need everyone on board to do it. You've all done a tremendous job so far but we're just getting started.

It's time, so let's go.

Mahalo again for helping me to make Maui County one of the best places in the world to live.



M.D. Minute

We can no longer sit back and wait for business and opportunity to drop in our laps. This is a global economy and we live in a global community. With this being said, we cannot rest on our laurels and hope someone, somewhere will decide that Maui County is the place to visit, invest and help our local economy.

This is one reason why we, as the County of Maui, have elevated our Sister City relationships to a whole new level. We recently had an opportunity to visit with our newest partner, Goyang City in the Republic of Korea. In my judgment, this new relationship with Goyang City will have far reaching positive economic benefits across a number of sectors within our local economy.

While there, we met with local government officials, our counterparts, and discussed the opportunities that exist to share ideas, best practices, and develop a market between our two economies. In addition, we met with local business leaders, elected officials and the people of Goyang in an effort to understand what it is they had to offer and how we might be able to make our relationship something more than just a formal piece of paper.

During our meetings, it became obvious to us that we were not just government officials on a site visit but rather that we were being welcomed as members of their family. There was a mutual admiration and respect shared between us. We discussed attainable goals and “wins” that would lead to bigger and better opportunities.

Goyang and Maui County share many similarities. We both have a vibrant agricultural industry, growing tourist industry, and our citizenry are committed to success. Goyang’s motto is “the city where the people are more beautiful than the flowers.” This motto has a deep meaning in that they believe their people are their most valuable asset much like we believe the members of our community are our most valuable asset.

Goyang City Mayor Sung Choi is a visionary and a true friend to Maui County. He is dedicated to our relationship and we are excited about the future possibilities. He has encouraged his 2,000+ employees and 958,000+ residents to visit Maui County and experience our natural beauty. We are truly looking forward to the future with our newest Sister City!

~ **Keith A. Regan**
Managing Director



Vice-Mayor Byong-Seuk Cho presents press flowers to Managing Director Regan. Also pictured are **Finance Deputy Director Jeremiah Savage** and **Mayor’s Chief of Staff Herman Andaya, Jr.**

DEM starts sewer line replacement projects in West Maui

The Maui County Dept. of Environmental Management (DEM) commenced two sewer line replacement projects along Front Street in Lahaina.

Both of these projects were designed to minimize impacts to traffic in the area by scheduling night work and waiting until nearby schools were out for summer break to start the project. Even so, motorists are asked to plan their travel accordingly and to take detours around the affected areas if possible.

The first project is located on Front Street near Kauaula Road. Work began on May 7 and is scheduled to last until May 28. During that time, construction crews will close down both lanes of Front Street from Kauaula Road to Aholo Road from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residential traffic will be allowed through the area.

The second project will take place on May 29 starting at the intersection of Front and Prison streets. Because of the heavy traffic, Front Street traffic workers will work at night and keep the area open to motorists during the day. Night time work starts at 8 p.m. and ends at 6 a.m. from May 29-June 19.

Crews will have to close a portion of Prison Street from Front to Luakini streets for daytime work. Road closures began on June 7 and last to June 19 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Area residents have already been notified about noise from night time construction. For more information about these projects call the contractor, Goodfellow Bros., Inc., at 879-5205.

West Maui Skate Park officially opens April 25th

Mayor Alan Arakawa and the Dept. of Parks and Recreation officially opened the West Maui Skate Park on April 25.

This long-awaited skate park is located at 245 Shaw Street in Lahaina, next to the aquatic center. The park includes approximately 15,000 square feet of concrete, including a street course for the novice and deep bowls for the experienced skater.

The park also includes picnic tables and sports lighting. The park is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



View of the New West Maui Skate Park which is located adjacent to the Lahaina Aquatic Center



Martha Yent of the Division of State Parks presents a check of \$428,596.77 to **Mayor Alan Arakawa** and **Parks and Recreation Director Glenn Correa**. The West Maui Skate Park is supported by the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SPOTLIGHT - Councilmember Elle Cochran

“Change your own path to make a positive impact”

By Sarah Freistat Pajimola, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Elle Cochran

You will often spot **Councilmember Elle Cochran**’s car, garnished with a surfboard or two, parked at the County building or traveling along the Pali. One might assume that, having been born and raised on the island, Elle’s love for the water came naturally; however, this was not the case.

Elle Kellett was born in Wailuku and raised in Lahaina. Her mother and father, originally from Oahu, moved to Lahaina

after her father spotted a condemned building on Front Street that he wanted to fix up and lease. The owners agreed and Elle’s father repaired the old Miyaki building. The Kellett’s lived upstairs, while downstairs they ran a Hawaiian food restaurant and bar known as “Moki’s Inn.”

At the age of three, Elle’s father passed away leaving her mother, Frances, to run the restaurant. **Elle’s “Aunt Sally”** and her husband, **Sam Smythe**, “hana’i’d” little Elle and moved her in with them. They lived just down the road on Front Street, across the street from Kamehameha III Elementary School, where Elle would attend.

When Elle was in the 6th grade, her older brother **Danson** tragically died while diving for black coral. He and his diving partner dove to a depth of about 150 feet that day, but when it came time to surface, Danson did not return. After an all-day search, he could not be found. His remains were discovered the following day with clear indication of a shark attack. Around this time, Elle had gone to see the movie *Jaws*. After her brother’s death and watching the



From left: Elle’s niece, Monica (her father was Elle’s brother Danson); Elle’s husband Wayno, and Elle’s mother Frances.

terrifying movie, she was petrified of the ocean.

In the 7th grade, Elle began boarding at Seabury Hall. In the middle of her junior year, she received her GED diploma through Maui Hui Malama (now known as Hui Malama Learning Center) and began working in the hotel and restaurant business. She worked at various restaurants and hotels in West Maui, eventually settling in at the Marriott, where she worked as a concierge for 13

years. It was during this time that she met her husband, **Wayne “Wayno” Cochran**.

Elle had found herself in need of a healthy outlet and 18 years after losing her brother, she decided to face her worst fears by entering the deep ocean waters and learning to surf. Elle bought a used short board and was refamiliarizing herself with the ocean when she met Wayno, surfing at Puamana Beach Park. Wayno, an avid surfer and skilled surfboard shaper, owned Maui Surfboards. Wayno made Elle her first longboard and supported her new desire to surf. They dated for four months before flying to a private island in Fiji to get married. They are now going on 17 years of marriage.

Elle and Wayno surfed daily. No longer afraid of the deeper waters, Elle felt strongly that her brother was her protector whenever she entered the ocean. She eventually became scuba certified and, in those quiet moments underwater, began to understand why her brother loved the ocean so much.

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In 2006, Maui Land and Pineapple had been strategically reaching out to surfers and neighbors of Honolua Bay, informing people of their plans to improve the beach access and develop camp grounds in the area. When Elle learned of this, she grew suspicious and knew there was more to the story. She asked her friend, **Louise Rockett** at the *Lahaina News*, to investigate and write a story. After it was revealed that Maui Land and Pineapple proposed to develop 600 acres of agricultural and conservation land around Honolua Bay, Elle founded the Save Honolua Coalition and began her political journey. While leading the charge to protect Honolua Bay, she realized that she could have more of an impact as a Council member.

When she learned that the West Maui seat on the Council would be available in 2010, she knew that this was her time. In 2009, Elle quit her job at the

Marriott so that she could focus solely on her quest to become the next West Maui Council member.

Since the day that Elle confronted her worst fears, she continues to push past her boundaries at every opportunity; even swimming with the sharks at the aquarium on more than one occasion. She continues to challenge herself to new things with confidence and ease.

Elle dove into the political waters head first. She now sits as a voting member on all nine committees and takes her position as a Council member very seriously. She wants to make a positive impact in people's lives, like being in the water has done for her. Elle Cochran is proof that if you can come face to face with your worst fears, you can accomplish anything.

County receives overwhelming support from sister cities' book drive

Last month, Maui County **Mayor Alan M. Arakawa** and **Council Chair Danny Mateo** announced the creation of the "Operation: Pass the Dream Forward" program, the goal of which is to collect a minimum of one ton of new and used books from the Maui Nui community and send them to Maui County's sister cities in Ilocos Norte.

Over the past month, the County, with the assistance of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce, has received an outpouring of support from individuals, schools, and businesses. Over a ton of new and used books for both children and adults have been received to date.

Until May 31, books may be dropped off at the following participating locations:

- * Mayor's Office located on the 9th floor
- * 2nd floor lobby of the Kalana O Maui building
- * Dept. of Environmental Management Administrative Office in Suite 100 of One Main Plaza as well as Solid Waste Division
- * Central Maui Landfill
- * Maui County Business Resource Center
- * Law Firm of Araki-Regan & Associates
- * Bistro Manila
- * Four Sisters Bakery
- * Four Sisters Restaurant
- * Local Mocha Cafe



Central Maui Landfill Employees "**Junior**" Pachico, **Patrick Chung**, **Corey Kealoha**, **Raymond Lopes**, and **Jay Viela** help to collect books for Maui County sister cities in Ilocos Norte. Books pictured above were donated by **B. Ikaika Benavides**.

- * Noble Travel
- * Paradise Sausage Mfg & Oriental Food Mart
- * Randy's Catering & Fast Food
- * ILWU

Books will also be collected the Friday night events in Wailuku, Paia, Lahaina and Makawao until end of May.

For more information about this book drive, call **Lynn Araki-Regan** at 280-1299.

J.D. Kim: Family Man, Prosecutor, Rancher

By TRACY A. JONES, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

JD Kim was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. In 1955 his family returned to Oahu. He graduated from Waianae High School, where he played football for Coach **Larry Ginoza**. For the next two years, he attended Leeward Community College, then transferred to Louisiana State University for one year (where he lived in Tiger Stadium) and returned home to attend the University of Hawai'i where he graduated with a B.A. in zoology. For the next three years, he tried without success for admission at University of Hawai'i Law School. He remembers those as the good years during which he met, fell in love with, and married his wife Catherine Nobriga Kim.

Following his marriage he attended Temple University School of Law in his birthplace, Germantown, PA. JD was president of his senior class. In 1985 he became licensed to practice law in Hawaii. Eager to start his career, he sought employment with now Judge Joseph E. Cardoza, who was the Prosecuting Attorney for Maui. He was hired in 1985, as the thirteenth deputy and was assigned to code enforcement for the county. JD has handled all matters of prosecution from code violations through serious and complex felony cases.

In 1990, worked as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i, during which time he represented all state agencies in family court proceedings including Dept. of Human Services Child Welfare, Dept. of Education and Department of Health.

JD returned to the Prosecutor's Office one year later as the police liaison, where he prescreened cases that were generated by the Police Department's Criminal Investigation, Vice Narcotics and Vice Gambling Divisions. In 2000, he joined the Dept. of the Corporation Counsel as a Deputy Corporation Counsel and was assigned to various county departments with the concentration on labor law. In 2007, JD returned to the Prosecutors Office and was assigned to the Drug Team where his primary responsibilities were to assist the Police Dept. Vice Division with narcotics investigations and search warrants and the Maui Drug Court Program.



DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Over the next year, "The High Street Journal" will continue to highlight a director or deputy director of a department. While many county employees know these administrators on a professional basis, we hope that this column will provide readers with an opportunity to get to know them on a personal basis.

In 2010, JD was appointed the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui. As the head of law enforcement for our islands, JD's goals are "to increase efficiency in criminal prosecution, deliver improved services to victims of both violent and property crimes and to support prevention programs to curb criminal activity in the community."

Although he pours his life into his work, the real apple of his eye is his family. He is the proud father of three children, Michael Francis, Ethan Joseph, and Kaitlin Elizabeth. (He talks about them all the time!) He is a lector at St. Anthony Church. In his spare time, JD enjoys golfing and working the family ranch.

2012 Older American Awards presented May 8

Maui residents **Michelle Paularena** and **Mathew Napier** were selected as the 2012 recipients of the County's Outstanding Older American awards.

Paularena is a senior Medicare Patrol volunteer where she presents information on ways to recognize and prevent Medicare and Medicaid fraud. Her willingness to participate despite her physical disabilities, and caregiving her spouse, makes her a hero and a role model for all. Paularena expresses her love of

marine life as a volunteer for NOAA's Whale Sanctuary and the Maui Ocean Center. Rounding out her portfolio of volunteer credits is her support of AARP, her church, state elections and Maui Economic Opportunity.

Napier makes a huge contribution to improve the quality of life for west side folks by providing assisted transportation to and from medical appointments, shopping and business errands. He gives up weekends and holidays for clients who need rides to radiation or chemotherapy as their treatments



Mayor Alan Arakawa and Council Chair Danny Mateo present 2012 Older American Awards to Michelle Paularena and Mathew Napier.

requires. His service lifts the spirits of everyone he serves — especially those who live alone — which is vital to wellness and preventing premature institutionalization. As a Shriner in Charge for the past 11 years, Mr. Napier works to set up orthopedic clinics for Maui kids needing surgery and care in Honolulu.

Paularena and Napier were selected by the County's Office on Aging for the award, because of their long history of volunteering and providing community support in a variety of ways



Others honored at the ceremony included the nominees **Masaru Abe, Louise Corpuz, Mabel Amelia Hanlon, Linda Liddell, Diane Logsdon, Shigeru Nakamura, Mathew Napier, Mercedes Neri, Soledad Obado, Fred Ruge,** and **Charlotte George Smith**

throughout the years. In order to qualify for the award, nominees must be at least 65 years old, and a resident of Maui County. Nominees are awarded points for the services they provided to the community since turning 60.

Both seniors were honored at a May 8th ceremony at Maui Tropical Plantation.

“County on Your Corner” to be held in Hana, Kahului in May

Mayor Alan Arakawa's next “County on Your Corner” events will be held on Thursday, May 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at Paanimai Skate Park in Hana, and on Saturday, May 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the 12th Annual Maui Matsuri at University of Hawai‘i - Maui College.



“It is important to connect with people face to face,” says Arakawa. “County on Your Corner,” which is scheduled in different locations each month, is a good way for us to interact with the community on the issues that are of most interest to them.”

Joining Arakawa at the May 10th event will be **Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Pat Matsui** and **Executive Assistants Bill Medeiros** and **Zeke Kalua**.

Scheduled to attend the May 12th event are **Councilmembers Don Couch** and **Mike Victorino** as well as **Public Works Director David Goode**, **Transportation Director JoAnne Johnston-Winer**, **Housing & Human Concerns Deputy Director Jan Shishido**, and **Executive Assistants Bill Medeiros, Zeke Kalua, and John Buck**.

For more information, call 280-1299.

COUNTYWide
COUNTY Pride



“I like the people, I like the work that I do.”

If you’ve been a victim of a crime in Maui County, chances are you’ve talked to **Carolyn Ware** at some point.

Carolyn is an Office Assistant II with the Maui Police Department and assists detectives with anything they need for their investigations. She talks to crime victims when they call in to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). She also types out police reports, puts them in order and gets them ready for court.

“My late husband was an officer, so I kinda followed in his footsteps,” she said with a laugh.

A native of New Jersey, Carolyn moved to Maui in December of 1996, with the intention of retiring here...but in October of 2002 she was hired by MPD and started off in the Records Section for nine years and for the past eight months she has been with the Criminal Investigations Division.

Carolyn has gotten lots of verbal praise from fellow workers and staff within the CID section, especially for her exceptional customer service on the telephone as she speaks to victims of crimes.

During her free time, she is very active in church and enjoys singing in the choir, loves to read, and when she has a chance, she makes time to head to the beach. Carolyn has 2 adult daughters, 11 grand children, and 2 great-grandchildren.

The County of Maui congratulates Carolyn Ware for her dedication and compassion for her job and community.



(L-R): Det. Rick Martinez, Det. Ryan Rodrigues, and Carolyn Ware.

**The purpose of the CWCP Program is to recognize County workers who have been nominated by their co-workers for their exemplary job performance. For more information about the program call 270-7211.*

Real property tax sale auction set for May 22

The County of Maui, Department of Finance is holding a real property tax sale auction on Tuesday, May 22, and will continue on Wednesday, May 23, if necessary.

The auction will be held at the Kihei Community Center located at 303 E. Lipoa Street in Kihei. Doors will open at 8:30 am with opening remarks at 9:00 am and the auction beginning at 9:30 am.

Properties being sold have been delinquent for three or more years and have received a final notice of tax sale. As of April 30, eleven properties were scheduled to be sold at auction. Properties will be removed from the tax sale list if all taxes, penalties, interest and costs have been paid in full prior to the

date of the sale.

Information on the tax sale, including a list of the properties being sold and frequently asked questions can be found on the County of Maui website at <http://www.mauicounty.gov/index.aspx?NID=1748>.

The list has also been posted at the Real Property Tax office located at the Maui Mall Service Center, Suite A-18, Kalana O Maui (County building), Hoapili Hale (Judiciary building), Moloka'i Real Property Tax Office and the Lana'i Senior Center.

For more information, call the Real Property Tax office at 270-7697.



Congratulations to the County of Maui's Department of Housing & Human Concerns on its first Housing Expo held on April 21 at the University of Hawai'i - Maui College.

Last month's expo featured educational sessions on foreclosure prevention, retrofit for energy savings, home buyer basics and basic home maintenance. Information about the latest rental assistance programs and credit counseling opportunities were offered to attendees.

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Better Choices Better Health – Living Well With Arthritis Workshop Offered on Moloka`i

The County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns' Office on Aging will sponsor a "Better Choices... Better Health" Living Well With Arthritis self-management workshop beginning on Thursday, May 10 on Moloka`i.

All Better Choices Better Health workshops provide practical information, tools and support to people of all ages who are interested in incorporating healthier habits into their lives. The Living Well with Arthritis Workshop focuses specifically on the unique challenges faced by individuals that live with arthritis and related conditions such as fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis which cause stiffening of the bones and joints.

The workshops consist of a series of six classes that focus on learning and implementing practical skills used to stay healthy and control symptoms through relaxation, nutrition, improved communication skills, medication management, exercise and more. Participants develop achievable "action plans" that lead to positive changes and greater confidence.

The workshop series will run on six consecutive Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning May 10 at the OHA/DHHL Conference room.

Participants will receive "Arthritis Helpbook, 6th Edition," and an audio relaxation CD, "Time for Healing".

The cost for the six-session workshop is \$10 for those 60 and older, and \$35 for those under 60. Scholarships are available for anyone under 60 experiencing financial hardship.

Advance registration is required as space is limited to 14 participants per class. Small interactive classes focus on building skills, sharing experiences and developing support.

Transportation may be available. Caregivers are encouraged to attend.

For more information or to register, please call **Better Choices Better Health Maui County Coordinator Robin Pilus** at 281-0094.

Social media marketing presentation offered to County employees, public

The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce invites county employees and the public at large to its next quarterly membership meeting on Wednesday, June 6. The event will feature a special presentation on social media marketing for businesses.



Liza Pierce of A Maui Blog, winner of the 2011 Best Local Blog award from Maui Time Weekly's Best of Maui Awards, will be the featured guest speaker at the event that begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Leis Family Class Act Restaurant at the University of Hawai`i Maui College.

The cost is \$20 and will include heavy pupus.

To RSVP or for more information, email **Brian Moto** at brianmoto@gmail.com or call **Alvin Santander** at 856-2605.

Survivor's Handbook available for employees

The Survivor's Handbook, when completed by employees, serves as a guide to help employees' survivors determine which agencies they should contact to be certain they receive the employment benefits to which they are entitled. Benefits may include life insurance, health insurance, retirement, etc. The handbook also includes important reference

information to help survivors sort through personal affairs. The Survivor's Handbook is provided to all employees at the monthly new employee orientation and may be found on the County's Intranet at <http://intranet.mauicounty.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1055>

POLL: As graduation is just around the corner, from what high school did you graduate?"

"Henry Perrine Baldwin High School," said **Herman Andaya** (Mayor's Office, c/o `88); **Reggie Balidoy** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `84); **Wendell Molina** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `81); **Jamie Wakamatsu** (Mayor's Office, OED, c/o `03); **Karleen Hultquist** (Parks, Aquatics); **Ryvette Figueroa** (Finance, RPT); **Brian Hashiro** (DPW); **Tehani Pascual Ambrose** (DHHHC, Housing); **Donna Nunes** (DHHHC, Housing); **Cynthia McCarthy** (DHHHC, Housing); **Robin Fukagawa** (DHHHC); **Nadine Gomes** (Corp. Counsel); and **Myles Padron** (DPW, Highways)

FYI: Baldwin High will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in October 2013! To help with the planning of the anniversary events, please attend a meeting on May 30 at 5 p.m. at the school's new library!

"Maui High School," said **Rod Antone** (Mayor's Office); **Isagani Bumanglag** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `85); **Brian Franco** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `84); **Don Saito** (DEM, Wastewater); **Barron Souza** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `76); **Thomas Ochwat** (DWS, c/o `79); **Marcie Tesoro** (Civil Defense); **Misty Cordeiro** (MFD); **Sharon Zalsos** (DEM); **Robert Rivera** (Prosecuting Atty); **Dustin Dunnill** (DEM, Wastewater); **Autumn Taylor Arase** (DHHHC, Housing); **Audie Pascual** (DHHHC); **Coreen Nater** (DHHHC); **Luana Kele** (DHHHC); **Pili Nahooikaika** (Mayor's Office); **Johnny Vares** (DWS); **Jeanice Tirona Santiago** (Finance, DMVL); and **Alan Arakawa** (Mayor's Office)

"Lahainaluna High School," said **Theodore Leong** (DEM, Wastewater); **Diane Yogi** (DOT); **Travis Arase** (MPD); and **Roland Prieto** (Mayor's Office, OED)

"Hana High & Elementary School," said **Pamela Nakooka** (Finance, DMVL)

"Lana`i High & Elementary School," said **Tamara Caballero** (Finance, RPT)

"St. Anthony High School," said **Kelvin Ferguson** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `69); **Bill D. Pacheco** (Liquor); **JoAnn Ridao** (Housing & Human Concerns); **Jarrett Kahooohanohano** (Liquor, Enforcement); **Russell Higa** (DPW); **Mark Simonds** (Prosecuting Atty); **Michelle Esteban** (Mayor's Office); and **Ann Cua** (Planning, c/o `79)

"St Anthony High School in 1972. Our class was the first to go through four years of high school as coed! My sister RoseMary in 1969 was the first graduating coed class! It was culture shock for them to be combined with the boys!!! LOL!!!!" said **Francine Yagi** (Parks & Rec, Golf Operations)

"King Kekaulike High School -- the first graduating class," said **Cullen Kawano** (Liquor, c/o `99)

"Kamehameha School - Kapalama Campus," said **Bil-John Medeiros** (Mayor's Office); **Randy Piltz** (Mayor's Office, c/o `57); **Tia Stupplebeen** (DEM, Solid Waste, c/o `84);

"McKinley High School," said **Danny Alfonso** (DPW, Liquor, c/o `99)

"Kalani High School," said **Kaye Lehua Jackson** (Finance, DMVL); **Kimberley Mullen** (Fire & Public Safety)

"Roosevelt High School," said **Scott Teruya** (Finance, RPT)

"Kailua High School," said **Melvina Kanaha** (Finance, RPT); **Diane (Robello) Chaves** (DEM, c/o `72)

"Saint Andrew's Priory," said **Robynne Fukunaga** (DEM)

"Radford High School," said **Rick Miller** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `67);

"Farrington High School -- Home of the Governors," said **Beverly Hiranaga** (Housing & Human Concerns, Housing, c/o `79)

"Waianae High School," said **Harold Kaimiola** (DEM, Wastewater);

"Kapaa High School," said **Reiko Iseri** (Finance, RPT)

"Pacific Shores High School," said **Martin Jenson** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `74);

"Lake Oswego High School in Oregon," said **Richard Schonely** (Fire & Public Safety, c/o `76)

"Redmond High School in Oregon," said **Jason Danganhardt** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `84);

"Lewis & Clark High School in Spokane, WA," said **Todd Richter** (Parks & Rec, c/o `74)

"Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, CA," said **John Buck** (Mayor's Office)

"Walla Walla High School in WA," said **Robert Collum** (Civil Defense)

"William Howard Taft High School in Woodland Hills, CA," said **Joe Prutch** (Planning, c/o `86)

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"Charles W. Morgan High School," said **Walt Urban** (DEM, Wastewater, c/o `81)

"Troy High School in Fullerton, CA," said **Tony Linder** (DWS, Treatment)

"St. Vincent - St. Mary's High School," said **Pam Crugnale** (DEM, Solid Waste)

"Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, CA," said **Sandra Schmitt** (Planning, Admin)

"Marymount High School in Wilkes-Barre, PA," said **Bob Straub** (Mayor's Office)

"Fallbrook Union High School in Fallbrook, CA," said **Will Spence** (Planning)

"Lowell P. Goodrich High School in Fond du Lac, WI. Our school colors were red and white - just like Lahaina-aluna! I won't tell you the year, but we had a class of more than 500 students. Go Fondy!!! " said **JoAnne Johnson Winer** (Transportation)

"Menlo Atherton High School in Menlo Park, CA. The year was 1969. The Beatles, the Temptations, Jimi Hendrix, big Afros and protesting the Vietnam war and the fight for voting rights for minorities are still very vivid memories of the end of high school," said **Carolyn Franklin** (Finance, RPT)

"School of the Holy Spirit of Quezon City, Philippines, an all-girls school run by nuns with very strict dress codes. Our school motto is Truth in Love," said **Kit Zulueta** (Mayor's Office)

"Souderton Area High School in PA. I graduated with Jamie Moyer who currently starts for the Colorado

Rockies, oldest player in major league baseball history to win a game," said **Andrew Ford** (DEM, Solid Waste, c/o `81)

"Chelmsford High School in Chelmsford, MA. It was a wonderful school; I'm lucky to have gone there," said **Karin Phaneuf** (DPW)

"Maine South High School in Park Ridge, IL. For reference, the movie, 'The Breakfast Club' was filmed at recently closed crosstown school Maine North," said **Nancy Swienton** (Finance, RPT)

"Cy-Fair High School in Cypress, TX," said **Johann Lall** (Mgmt, MIS)

"I went to a high school in the Himalaya mountains, in Mussoorie, U.P., India, because my dad was a missionary doctor. There was on 'crank-it' telephone for the entire school, no TVs, radios, etc.," said **Sharon O'Shaughnessy** (Corp. Counsel)

"Minico High School in Rupert, ID," said **Teena Rasmussen** (Mayor's Office, OED)

"Englewood High School in Jacksonville, FL, " said **Stacia Ash** (DEM, Solid Waste, c/o `88)

"The Montclair Kimberley Academy in Montclair, NJ," said **Tracy Jones** (Prosecuting Atty)

"Bacarra National Comprehensive High School in Ilocos Norte," said **Jerry Tumacder** (DHC, Kaunua)

"North Andover High School," said **Keith Regan** (Mgmt, c/o `89)



Throughout the day, the entire Office of Economic Development team worked shifts in the Merchandise Booth at Ag Fest 2012.

For more information about Ag Fest, visit www.mauicountyfarmbureau.org.

Volunteer Center's Celebration of Service

By WENDY STEBBINS, Volunteer Center Coordinator

The County of Maui's Volunteer Center, hosted a "Celebration of Service" on April 16 in honor of National Volunteer Week. The week honors people and organizations dedicated to taking action and creating solutions for their communities. A Proclamation was read and signed by Mayor Alan M. Arakawa announcing April 15-21, as National Volunteer Week.

Through the Volunteer Center's Volunteer and VolunTEEN Hero programs twenty two volunteers were nominated and honored by the Mayor for their loyalty and drive for giving of themselves and helping others. All volunteers were honored with Certificates of Appreciation, leis and goody bags!

Two VolunTEEN Heroes were selected for the Outstanding Leadership Awards. **Kelly Takushi** of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc for his underage drinking prevention efforts and **Jillian Strong** of Big Brothers Big Sisters for her mentoring volunteer work.

Other VolunTEEN Heroes honored include the following: **Alyssa Pascua** of Best Buddies Hawaii, **Kyeton Littell** of Maui Food Bank, **Makena and Raven Gadiant** of Imua Family Services, **Maria Peralta** of Boys & Girls Club of Maui, **Nalei Sampson** of Nature Conservancy & Maui Nui Marine Resources Council, **Palani Keanu Santos** of Olowalu Cultural Reserve, and **Rachel Pascual** of County of Maui Parks and Recreation Department.

Adult Volunteer Heroes honored include the following: **Blair Boucher** of Lanai Animal Rescue Center,



Chaplain Pua Hashimoto of Friends of the Chaplain, **Dale Stewart** of Pacific Whale Foundation, **David Jorgensen** of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc, **Diane Brittain** of Imua Family Services, **Linda Quinn** of Lahaina Complex Tutoring Project, **Margaret Enomoto** of NaHoaloha – Neighbors Helping Neighbors, **Perrisa Kilmer** of Maui Food Bank, **Suzanne Freitas** of Waste Not Want Not Foundation, **Terence "Terry" Tomas** of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, **Tom Worthington** of the American Red Cross and **William Mercer Richards** of Hali'imaile Community Garden.

Special Mahalo to the Mayor's Office, Volunteer Center Advisory Committee and Tri Isle Resource and Conservation Development, Inc. for their event support.

You can learn more about the Volunteer and VolunTEEN Hero programs and find volunteer opportunities by visiting www.handsonmaui.com. Call **Wendy Stebbins**, Volunteer Center Coordinator, at 270-7150 for more information.

MIS asks employees to complete online survey

Please take a few minutes of your time to complete the MIS Customer Survey, now available on line at <http://mauicounty.gov/missurvey>. The survey will be available for your participation until Friday, May 25.

Please let the Helpdesk know if you have any problems accessing or completing the survey, and they will be glad to help.

The survey is an important tool for MIS to learn if we are meeting your needs and expectations. Your participation will help us to target areas where improvement is necessary.



Let's Get Healthy!

Last year, Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa and Managing Director Keith Regan, serious about good health, announced the creation of the County of Maui's Health & Wellness Program, the goal of which is to improve the health and well-being of County of Maui employees' lives through health education and activities that will support positive lifestyle change thereby resulting in improved employee productivity and morale and healthcare cost savings for the County of Maui.

Sessions for County Employees:

Walking on Wednesdays- Wednesdays at noon. Join Managing Director Keith Regan in a 30-minute walk. Location varies each week. For more information, call 270-7211.

Sutji Gunter's Free Zumba Classes at Kahului Community Center Annex - For more information, call Sutji at 270-8246.



Healthy Eating Corner

At the wonderful suggestion of **Sarah Shim** of the Department of Housing & Human Concerns, *The High Street Journal* will feature a healthy recipe each month. If you would like to submit a healthy recipe, please email Sarah at sarah.shim@mauicounty.gov or contact her at Kaunoa Senior Center.

Grandma's Old-Fashioned Lima Bean Soup

Serves: 6-8

3 1/2 to 4 lbs. chicken
1 stalk celery, sliced
2 carrots, sliced

1-lb. pkg. dried lima beans
1 onion, chopped

Cover chicken with water in a large stockpot; gently boil for one hour. Lower heat; add beans, carrots, celery and onion. Simmer until beans are tender, about 2 hours. Remove chicken; bone and chop. Return chicken to stock pot. Serve hot.

Water conservation poster contest draws 543 entries

The Department of Water Supply's 3rd Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest drew 543 entries from public, private and home schools countywide. The goal of the contest was to educate Maui Nui's youth on the importance of water conservation and to encourage them to take an active role in ensuring the sustainability of our islands' water supply. These year's theme is "Malama I Ka Wai," or to take care of the water.



Water Supply Director Dave Taylor and **Mayor Alan Arakawa** are pictured with one of the winners of this year's water conservation poster contest sponsored by the County of Maui's Department of Water Supply.

Honorable Mention:
Tyler Russell, Grade 2 - Carden Academy of Maui

GRADES 3 & 4
First Place: **Ansel Newman**, Grade 3 - Carden Academy of Maui
Second Place: **Miles Stone**, Grade 4, Carden Academy of Maui
Third Place: **Sunny Diller**, Grade 3 - Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Fernanda Maldonado**, Grade 4 - Kamali'i Elementary School
Honorable Mention: **Raelynn Yoshida**, Grade 4 - Kamehameha Schools of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Maya Miller**, Grade 3 - Carden Academy of Maui

The contest entries were evaluated based on water conservation message, originality, and visual effectiveness - neatness and creativity. The first through third place winners received U.S. Savings Bonds, \$100 for first place; \$75 for second; and \$50 for third. Winning entries and honorable mentions will be featured in the 2013 DWS Water Conservation Calendar, and were honored on May 7 in the Mayor's Office.

The contest's three-judge panel included: **Nalani Caulford**, teacher at Kamali'i Elementary School, **Maria Graham**, Director of Lahaina Art Gallery, and **Rob Parsons**, County of Maui's Environmental Coordinator.

The 2012 winners are as follows:

KINDERGARTEN

First Place: **Kiara Lima**, Kilohana Elementary School
Second Place: **Maya Fujita**, Pukalani Elementsry School
Third Place: **Carly Dudoit**, Kualapu'u Elementary School
Honorable Mention: **Dylan Stolley**, Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Daniel Arashiro-Garcia**, Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Bahnaya Cohen**, Carden Academy of Maui

GRADES 1 & 2

First Place: **Jaz Kelber**, Grade 2 - Pomaikai Elementary School
Second Place: **Makena Guzman**, Grade 2 - Kamehameha Schools of Maui
Third Place: **Dax Barker**, Grade 2 - Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Darija Trumbo**, Grade 1 - Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Eden Emory**, Grade 2 - Carden Academy of Maui

GRADES 5 & 6

First Place: **James Eduard Torres**, Grade 6 - Maui Waena Int School
Second Place: **Mykaela Padron**, Grade 5 - Waihe'e Elementary School
Third Place: **Haley Shapiro**, Grade 5 - Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **CJ Ozee**, Grade 5 - Carden Academy of Maui
Honorable Mention: **Jasmine Moe**, Grade 5 - Montessori Hale O Keiki
Honorable Mention: **Alana Baltad**, Grade 5 - Wailuku Elementary School

GRADES 7 & 8

First Place: **Mary Jane Butac**, Grade 8 - Maui Waena Int School
Second Place: **Mindy Santos**, Grade 8 - St Anthony School
Third Place: **Devon Bluh**, Grade 8 - Montessori Hale O Keiki
Honorable Mention: **Ohmala Kotok**, Grade 7 - Clear-view Christian Girls School
Honorable Mention: **Kortney Russell**, Grade 7 - Clear-view Christian Girls School
Honorable Mention: **Mary Joy Butac**, Grade 7 - Maui Waena Int School

HIGH SCHOOL

First Place: **Devan Takita**, Grade 11 - Baldwin High School
Second Place: **Tylor Brown**, Grade 9 - Baldwin High School
Third Place: **Braden Bio**, Grade 11 - Baldwin High School
Honorable Mention: **Christian Ah Chan**, Grade 10 - Baldwin High School
Honorable Mention: **Aubriann Belen**, Grade 11 - Baldwin High School
Honorable Mention: **Keali'i Guzman**, Grade 10 - Maui High School

Maui County celebrates being oldest Tree City USA community in HI

Maui County has been named a Tree City USA community for its continued commitment to urban forestry, the Arbor Day Foundation recently announced in a press release.

It is the 35th year Maui County has received the award from the foundation, the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

To be named a Tree City USA, a community must

have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with at least \$2 per capita in annual spending and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"This is a legacy and active statue we can truly be proud of and shows that Maui County is actively promoting and maintaining our Urban Forest," said **County Arboriculturalist David I. Sakoda**.

Leong, Beltran attend 12th Biennial Governor's Pacific Rim Safety & Health Conference

Department of Environmental Management's **Theodore Leong** and Department of Finance's **SeaRay Beltran** attended the Governor's Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference held on April 16-18 at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

"The Conference is an important event that provides insightful world-class discussions of various issues related to safety and health," said Beltran who served as a speaker/presenter.

"The event provided provided so much needed and important information and gave us an opportunity to meet up with old colleagues and make new connections. This conference was critical because we got to see and review new safety equipment, PPE and other safety materials to make are job safer and easier. Overall, the knowledge that one walks away with is tremendously valuable. What is learned can then be bring back to Maui County," added Beltran.



Mahalo to the County of Maui, Maui District Office of the State Dept. of Health, and NPAC (Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition) - Maui for co-sponsoring the 2nd Annual Workplace Wellness Fair held last month. Thanks to the various organizations for participating and to the many employees and employers for their attendance!

“Kupaianaha Blessings of Life”

We are each so fortunate to have such wonderful people in our lives, friends, co-workers, loved ones that play a significant part and are important to us. Our lives would certainly not be the same without them. *The High Street Journal* wishes to share our employees' good news, be able to get to know each other better and spread these small, but precious joys that add spark to our lives.

This section of our newsletter is your place.... to share special moments – whether big or small – and give those well-deserved “ho’omaika’i” to these people in your life. It’s your stories to share your own special moment or that of someone special to you, to express gratitude, praise and/or share the simple but abundant joy it has brought to your life, that which is truly the blessings of life! Please enjoy the following submissions as written and provided by your fellow employees of the County.

The Department of the Corporation Counsel’s newest angel, **Mandi Patricia Ikehu’omalie Caires** was born on Jan. 27 to Deputy Corporation Counsel **Adrienne Heely** and **Leo Caires**. Proud sister, **Hi’ilei** and brother, **Eli**, could hardly wait for her arrival. Congratulations Adri and Leo!



Apr. 16 was a special anniversary for **Patricia (“Pat”) Evans**, Senior Janitor with the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works. For Pat, that day marked 40 years of loyal service to the County of Maui. Pat’s attention to detail and strictness on cleanliness does not go unnoticed and we all appreciate her dedication to making sure our offices are clean and pleasant to work in! To honor such a hard-working employee, the Mayor’s Office and Department of Management staffs surprised Pat with a gathering that included the presentation of a personalized congratulatory certificate and a bouquet of flowers by the honorable **Mayor Alan Arakawa**, **Managing Director Keith Regan** and **Public Works Director David Goode** to express the heartfelt appreciation

for the four decades of service that she has committed to the County. To make sure it would be a surprise for her and convince her to show up in the Mayor’s Office, Pat was “ordered” to address an “emergency situation” on the ninth floor immediately! Of course, without hesitation, Pat was there – ready and able - prepared to handle whatever it was needed to be done! Hence, at the ceremony, when Pat was asked to say a few words, she revealed without hesitation: “When they said I had to go to the 9th floor, I went right away....I was thinking to myself....Gee! I hope they didn’t plug up the toilet again!!” **Karin Phaneuf**

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of Public Works tells us that Pat was originally hired on Apr. 16, 1972, and has worked for seven Administrations (six Mayors) beginning with the honorable **Mayor Elmer Cravalho** and in fact, worked in our County building ever since it opened! Congratulations and thank you, Pat! We truly appreciate you, and the dedication and commitment you have in keeping our County building clean for all of us to enjoy!

Pili Nahooikaika, EA Secretary of the Mayor’s Office, shares exciting news of her daughter **Cambrie’s** Godmothers, **Makena and Taylor Neuhooff** who are graduating from Seabury Hall on May 26th . Makena

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and Taylor, are the twin daughters of **Alex Neuhoﬀ** of Kihei and **Holly Neuhoﬀ** of Nashville, Tennessee, and

granddaughters of **Mr. and Mrs. Roger Neuhoﬀ** of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts and **Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Chaffin** of Gainesboro, Tennessee. Both Makena and Taylor are high honors students averaging a grade point of 3.3 to 3.69. In addition to being exemplary in their academics, Makena is active as a member of the Social Committee, and Taylor is a member of the Rotary Interact Club and plays on the Girls Varsity Soccer Team of Seabury Hall. Their bright future plans include attending the University of Colorado at Boulder for Makena and attending the University of Oregon in Eugene for Taylor. Pili and her family extend a special message to Makena and Taylor, who have been a special part of the Nahooikaika Ohana since the girls were 2 weeks old: "Every dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. We are so proud of the two of you, and we love you very much! Love, Tutu, Jippy, Uncle Mika, Pili and Cambrie."



a promising future!

From the Department of Finance, we were given news of upcoming graduations! Congratulations to **Kasey**



Kama who will be graduating on May 12 from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. Kasey is the daughter of **Shonne Kama** of the Motor Vehicle and Licensing section of the Financial Services Division and **Rodney Kama** of the Department of Water Supply. Shonne also shares that Kasey is a very active member of Alpha Phi Omega, which is a co-ed service fraternity and served as its President for one year. Some activities included helping out with Meals on Wheels, Goody Two Shoes, Game Night at the Senior Citizen Complex and other service projects. Very impressive Kasey! Congratulations also to **Tammy M. Tunoa**, also with the Motor Vehicles and Licensing section, for the graduation of her daughter, **Terme Marie Sirom**, from Baldwin High School on May 18. Warmest wishes for a bright future to you Terme!



The Department of Finance, also reported on impressive news: **Victoria Constantino**, Pre-Audit Clerk with the Accounts Division, shares about her daughter, **Mariah Constantino** and The Hawaii All Star Cheer team, for which she is a member. The Hawaii All Star Cheer squad competed at the Aloha International Cheerleading Competition on Apr. 6-7 on Oahu. The Senior Levels 3 & 4 took First Place in their divisions and were awarded the prestigious Competition Grand Champions! Victoria shares: "A thank you to all the people in our community that helped show their support to our girls through our fund raising activities throughout the year. We depend a lot on that, to help us with our traveling expenses and we couldn't accomplish that without our community, friends and families. The girls and their coaches have set their sights on World Competition this coming year. That is the highest level of competition in the sport of cheerleading. They are looking forward to this season with great confidence."

Autumn Taylor Arase, of the Section 8 Division with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, ecstatically shares about her daughter, **Shae-la Ann Fernandez**, who is also a member on the Hawaii All Star Cheer squad: "I got to spend a lot of time watching Shae really grow in competitive cheerleading. **Coach Kealii Molina** and **Joann Yap** have really

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coached unbelievable skills, taught them confidence, and community involvement. What impressed me the most was how well behaved these young girls were - respectful and motivating one another and other teams. It was an awesome event." The cheer team, comprised of girls ranging in ages 7 to 17 years old, had also previously competed and



won the United Spirit Association national championships last month in Anaheim, CA. Shae-la Ann, a 7th grader at Lao School, is the daughter of Autumn and



Travis Arase, a Police Officer with the Maui Police Department. Other members of this highly talented and motivated group of young girls include **Caitlin Villarosa**, daughter of Deputy Director of the Department of Liquor Control **Traci Fujita Villarosa**, and **Malia Molina**, daughter of Mayor's Executive Assistant **Mike Molina**. Congratulations girls! You make Maui County proud!

The Planning Department shares their fun experience participating in the Mar. 24 Heart Walk. The "green team" included, from left to right, **David Yamashita** (Planner VI in the Long Range Division), his dog **Cooper**, his wife **Robin Yamashita**, **Joe Prutch** (Planner V in the Current Division), his wife **Danee Prutch**, their daughter **Jilene (or Jilee or Jilee-Bean)**, **Mary Jorgensen** (Planner V in the Long Range Division, **Michelle McLean** (Deputy Director), and her dog **Ginger**. Deputy Planning Director McLean, remarks: "If David and Jilee both look a little concerned, it's because



Cooper had been very interested in Jilee's cookie right before the photo was taken! We had a great time and look forward to next year. And mahalo to **Karin Phaneuf** of Public Works for taking our team photo!" Great job Green Team!

Talk about another momentous event on the ninth floor.... On Apr. 30, First Assistant to the Managing Director, **David Ching**, celebrated a "golden" milestone, and celebrate he did! The ninth floor extends special blessings to Dave and is



especially happy for him that he is another year closer to getting the coveted Senior Citizen Discount! Happy 50th birthday Dave... and don't worry you, don't look a day over....???!! Abundant blessings to you!

Congratulations to **Christian Fernandez**, son of **Nita** (Department of the Prosecuting Attorney) and **Paul Fernandez** who has been selected Class Valedictorian for Kamehameha Schools - Maui, Class of 2012. Mom Nita proudly shares that Christian is a member of Kamehameha Schools Maui HOSA



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Biomedical Debate Team who are currently the State champions that will be participating in the National HOSA Competition this summer in Orlando, Florida. Christian is also a recipient of the prestigious Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship of \$5,000 and the Hawaii Community Foundation Laura Rowe Burdick Scholarship of \$1,000. Christian's future plans include studying physics and mechanical engineering at Columbia University in New York City, New York and pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration. Mom Nita lovingly says, "Christian's Dad and I are very proud of him. He has worked very hard to get to this point in his life and we are truly happy for him. I always tell him that he makes parenting easy and he does." Christian, we wish you well in your future endeavors and no doubt, will hear more of you in future accomplishments!

Congratulations to **Anthony T. Arakaki**, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manager, of the Mayor's Office, who has earned the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from the University of Hawai'i at West Oahu. Anthony's commencement exercise will be held on May 11th. Good for you Anthony!



The 12th Annual Maui Matsuri will be held on May 11-12 on the campus of University of Hawaii - Maui College. Among the many groups performing on May 12 is Maui Taiko whose members include Dept. of Housing & Human Concerns' **Beverly Hiranaga**, Dept. of Public Works' **Annette Matsuda**, Planning's **Carolyn**

Cortez, MFD's **Cindy Kagoshima** and their families, all of whom will be featured in detail next month.

Congratulations to Public Works' Traffic Signal Technician I **Myles Padron** on his 10-year old daughter **Mykaela** recently turning in two-in-the-park home runs, one of which was a grand slam! She plays center field for the Kihei Little League Minor's Phillies and just started playing sports this year. She was also recognized by Mayor Arakawa for placing first in the Dept. of Water Supply Poster contest. Mykaela will also be performing for Auntie Lola Balubar's Hula Halau in Oahu this summer. Not to be undone. Younger sibling **Ryan**, 7, says that he turned in a few double plays defensively last year while in coach pitch. He is quick to note that he placed second in the Mental Health Association Wellness contest and was recognized on May 5th. Dad Myles still volunteers as an assistant coach for both teams, and does admit that he is hard on the kids to do well & be humble. He is also a coach (& member of its Games Management Committee -16 years) for the Maui Special Olympics Powerlifting Team (which just returned from Kona for its Regionals) & its Unified Softball Team (which broke a tie in the bottom of the last inning for an exciting game against Molokai, on Apr. 21 at Keopuolani Park).

Dept. of Environmental Mgmt.'s (DEM) **Robynne Fukunaga** and *The High Street Journal's* Editor **Lynn Araki-Regan** recently accompanied DEM's **Sharon Zalsos** to Deja Vu VI's show to benefit Hospice Maui. Sharon wowed the audience at the sold-out event held at King Kamehameha Golf Club with her out-



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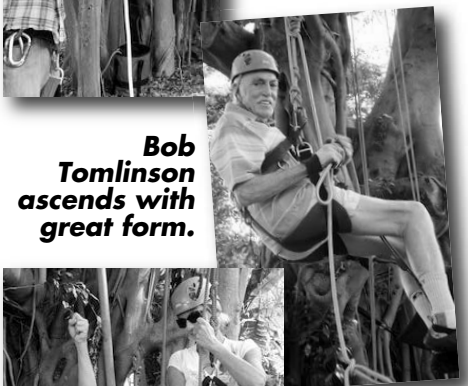
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Please contact event organizers for more information, subject to change.

Wailuku First Fridays

May 4, 6 - 9 pm

Market Street, Wailuku

Enjoy live entertainment, great food, arts & crafts, shop specials, a beer garden, and fun all around town.

Info: (808) 878-1888 or www.facebook.com/WailukuFirstFriday



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May 4, Makawao

May 7 & 11, Makena

May 9, Hana

The Amernet String Quartet joins other guest musicians at this year's festival, in four performances that feature works by Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Gershwin and Dvorak at three historic churches on Maui.

Info & tickets: (808)878-2312 or www.mauiclassicalmusicfestival.org,

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May 11, Family Movie Night, 6:30 pm

May 12, Festival 2 - 9 pm

UH Maui College, Kahului

The annual Japanese cultural celebration offers entertainment, food, Obon dances, Hanafuda Tournament, exhibits, arts & crafts, along with Cosplay and keiki activities. Maui Matsuri kicks off May 4, 6:30 pm with a kimono fashion show, taiko drums and karaoke at Kaahumanu Center stage.

Info: (808) 283-9999 or www.mauimatsuri.com



Rights of Nature

May 15, 7 pm

McCoy Studio, MACC

Ala Kukui presents the first in a series of conversations on environmental concerns, with Thomas Linzey, director of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund and Kapua Sproat, a Kauai native and Asst. Professor of Law at UH, addressing the rights of the natural world.

Info: (808)248-7841 or www.alakukui.org



Fringe Festival

May 25 – 27

Iao Theater, Wailuku

Maui OnStage presents a weekend lineup of original drama works and performances pieces in its second Fringe Festival at the historic Iao.

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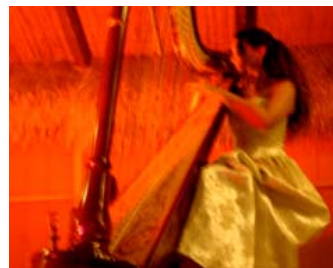
Classical Concert

May 26, 5:30 pm

Baldwin Home Museum, Lahaina

Harpist Tatyana Shapiro, the Maui Brass Ensemble, and others will play favorites from great composers at this free concert.

Info: (808)283-3576 or www.aecg.org



Hawaiian Music Series

May 31, 6 pm

Baldwin Home Museum, Lahaina

Kory Kukahiko performs a free Hawaiian music concert at sunset out on the lawn.

Info: (808) 661-3262 or www.lahainarestoration.org

Recalling Hawai'i

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Info: www.kaimi.org

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Come join us for a fun-filled day & **EXPERIENCE KAUNOA!**
Open to the public, bring your family & friends.

**Stop
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Community
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- 🌸 Come join us and sew a lei to be placed at Makawao Veterans Cemetery on Memorial Day.
- 🌸 Supplies and materials will be provided.
- 🌸 Anyone can help by bringing or dropping off flowers and/or greenery between 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. behind IHOP.
- 🌸 Call Kaunoa for details 270-7308.



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